urgent matter of public importance to wit the hardship and inconvenience experienced by the jenmies and tenants alike in having a good many of their cases kept pending without trial as a sequel to the Tenancy Amendment Bill passed by the Council long ago being not finally disposed of."

The matter must have been of recent occurrence, i. e. it must have arisen between the last sitting of the Council and the present sitting.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I submit, Sir, it is a matter of recent occurrence in this sense. The legislation under reference having been passed long ago and that fact being brought to the notice of the Government by questions it is still kept pending and any decision upon that Bill not having come up even today either in the shape of assent or dissent, I would submit that in that view it is a matter of recent occurrence. The recent occurrence may be one of commission or omission. It is also a matter of continuing urgency because we expect the Bill either to be assented or dissented by His Highness within a reasonable period the former more than the latter after it was passed by this House. More than 3 years have now elapsed since this Bill was passed by this Council and a large number of suits are pending trial. Hence the subject under consideration is one of recent occurrence.

Mr. President.—I am sure the Hon'ble Member has not justified his case at all. It is a very well known interpretation of that rule that the incident must be one which has recently occurred between the last sitting of the Council and this sitting. But I may give a tip to the Hon'ble Member. In such cases what is generally done is a question is asked and on the ground that the answer is unsatisfactory an adjournment motion can be moved. That is how old grievances are raked up.

The motion was ruled out of order.

iv. Legalising of giving Credit slips instead of cash to sellers of arecanuts.

Mr. President.—The next one is also in the name of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. It reads thus:—

"I have the honour to give you notice that I intend moving an adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance to wit 'the legalising of giving credit slips instead of cash to sellers of arecanuts' as notified in the Government Gezette dated 3rd Karkitagom 1111."

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I think as a matter of urgent public importance this is too much of a detail. I think the Hon'ble Member can bring up a discussion on this subject through budget motions.

The motion was ruled out of order.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

re: the demise of Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move that "*This House be pleased to place on record their sense of deep regret at the demise of late Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Iyer, Retired Diwan of Cochin and the First President of the Cochin Legislative Council, and do convey their respectful condolences to the members of the bereaved family.*"

Sir, the late Diwan Bahadur was one of those devoted officers who gave of their best to the service of the State, with a uniformly successful career in official life extending for a period of more than thirty-four years. Coming of a respectable and affluent family in Trichur, he entered the public service in Cochin under very favourable auspices. A talented Ruler had just assumed the Gadi imbued with new aspirations and progressive ideals. It was a period of transition in the administration of Cochin, the old order changing, yielding place to new. Mr. Iyer was the first Cochinite to take the M. A. degree of the Madras University and within a few months of his passing the B. L. examination he was enlisted in the Judicial Department of the State as a District Munsiff. He soon rose in service and held thereafter with ability and distinction many high positions of trust and responsibility maintaining throughout a reputation for thoroughness, efficiency and discipline. The experience he thus gained was of invaluable help to him when at the close of his career he was called upon to occupy the highest position in the State.

His was essentially a judicial mind. As a Judge he maintained a very high standard and for long presided over the highest Court of justice with a dignity and decorum which has never been since excelled. He was appointed Diwan in 1925 and was the First President of the Legislative Council and in that capacity guided the deliberations of this House for a long period of nearly six years. As Diwan his administration was peaceful and progressive. It was an eventful period. The Maharaja's College at Ernakulam was raised to the status of a First Grade College. Negotiations were started for the

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